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, O heavens; and be joyful, earth;
break forth into singing, mountains:
· Lord hath comforted people,
ill have mercy upon his cted.

Isaiah 49:13

A Star of Jacob

Yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2.

Out of Bethlehem, though little among the thousands of Judah, the everlasting Lord and the Ruler in Israel was to come forth. In every detail which God arranged for the coming of His Son, there is the evidence of the vast difference between our thoughts and the thoughts of God. The little, quiet town of Bethlehem; the unknown virgin; the crude manger; the lowly shepherds; Joseph, the carpenter; the silent, holy night—such are the characters and the scenes which God selects for the mystery of the ages and His greatest drama.

Lowliness and quiet, humility and the simple childlike heart are the way along which God comes to men. He whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting, appears in the beauty of simplicity. Not to the mighty in fame or in social distinction, but to the poor in spirit is it given first to see the eternal God lying in a manger. In Bethlehem, as in the cities of our world, the Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken, humble spirit. They are the pure in heart, blessed this Christmas, too, for they shall see God.

Dearest Jesus, eternal God, who didst cast aside all the glory of heaven to be born in Bethlehem and bedded in a manger, make my heart clean and lowly by Thy grace that it may be worthy to receive Thee this Christmas and always. Amen.

From **Meditations from Portals of Prayer,** Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

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The First Candle: Anticipation

And no longer shall each man
teach his neighbor and each his brother,
saying, "Know the Lord,"
for they shall all know me, from the
least of them to the greatest,
says the Lord;
for I will forgive their iniquity,
and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:34

Photo by Gerald Giving

Two thoughts meet to form the Anticipation which lies in Advent. There is the cry of the lost and needy: "O, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat." In those words the voice of Job's deepest need—for the certainty of the presence of God—finds expression; and wherever men long for God, the words are echoed.

Men do not always know their own needs; nor, knowing them, do they acknowledge them. Yet the needs persist. Those which are physical are real and pressing; but those of the spirit are deeper. And they may all be summed up in one: the basic, unchanging need to know that God is near. There was a wise old Church Father who insisted that the soul of man flits to and fro, and knows no rest until it rests in God.

Man's cry is not unheeded. To man's "O, that I knew . . . ," God makes His response. "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." So God makes His Presence known to those who seek Him.

Therein lies the element of Anticipation in Advent. It is the merging of the two thoughts: of man's need and of God's desire that the need shall be met. Only in Christ is that possible; that is why He came and that is why we still celebrate Advent. He came in history; He comes in the hearts of men; He will come again in glory.

Countless words of Scripture attest that feeling of anticipation. One of the finest is from the Psalms:

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes, he does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
round about him a mighty tempest.

—Psalm 50:2-3

The Anticipation of the people of God has always showed itself in the hymns of God's House. For almost three centuries the Church of Jesus Christ has sung:

Our Hope and Expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption,
That brings us unto Thee!

Nor has the child of God ever forgotten that his Anticipation should be the object of prayer. Here is one of the Prayers of Anticipation of the Christian Church:

O almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

By Melva Rorem

Melva Mickelson

Christmas is many things...

Allan Thomas

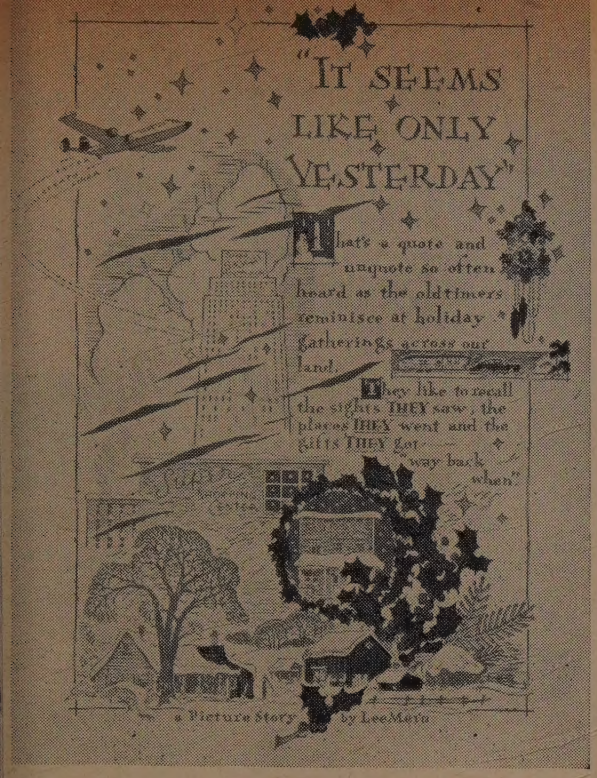
Christmas is many things to many people. It is a symbol of love family and friends. It is a memory. It is a song. It is a light in the e of a child. It is remembering Christmas Past and Christmas Present. is the old, yet ever new splendor of the Tree, whether we see it in natural setting in the woods, or when the family Tree, crowned at with its special shining Star, stands in its place in cottage or palace. A always, always it is the ageless wonder of the Story . . .

Perhaps that is why *Christmas,* an American annual of Christmas literat and art, is this year, too, many things to many people.

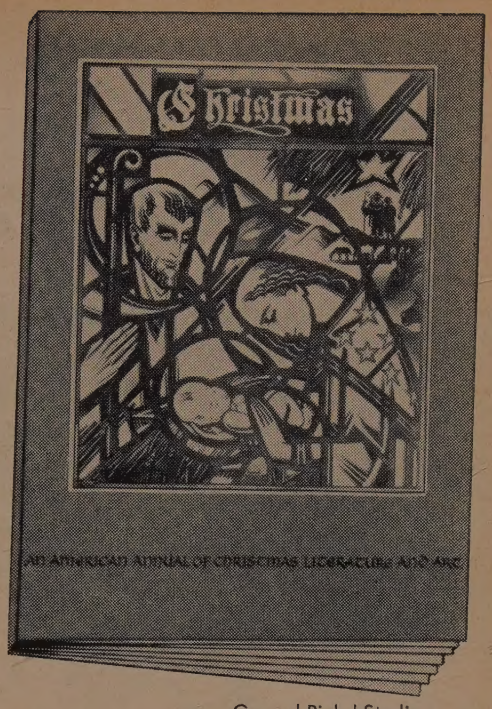
It is a symbol of love for family and friends as Lillian S. Graham Marjorie Wackenbarth take us back to the first Christmas and the m famous of all Christmas gifts in their story, "Gold, Frankincense Myrrh." They give us an interesting history of gold—the most valuable that could be found, of frankincense—a sweet incense to express adorat to a King, and myrrh—the gift offered to Christ as one who is about die for all. The story includes a charming legend about the three g that was discovered by Goethe in a Latin manuscript in 1818. The st is illustrated by fifteenth century woodcuts.

Christmas is a memory when Eva Leo takes us back to the time w her grandmother taught her about "Silhouettes and the Art of Paper-C ting." "You must learn patience, and you must learn to open your ey her grandmother had said. And Eva Leo says that grandmother was r as she tells about this interesting art of expression. Scissor-cuts by author illustrate the article.

Paul T. Martinsen writes about "Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plat He tells of the early beginnings of the Christmas plates produced by Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Manufactory—taking us from 1908, w the first plate appeared, to 1957. Plates from every year are pictured there is a complete list of the plates issued from 1908 to 1957, with artist and subject of each plate given. Included in the article is the s of the process of production, "from an unshapely lump of clay to a b tiful piece of porcelain."


"IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY"
That's a quote and unquote so often heard as the oldtimers reminisce at holiday gatherings across our land.
They like to recall the sights THEY saw, the places THEY went and the gifts THEY got — "way back when."
a Picture Story by LeeMero

Lee Mero



Conrad Pickel Studio

Christmas is the old yet ever new splendor of the ee. In "International Christmas Trees" Agnes Harri- n Mueller tells of a small city on the Mesabi Iron nge in Minnesota where Christmas trees depicting ditions of four or five different nations are displayed ery year. Her story is rich with customs of many lands. is is just a taste. . . . In Germany, children are taught t the Christkind—the messenger of the Infant Jesus rings them their gifts; in Finland, children sleep on straw-covered floor on Christmas Eve to commem- te the birthplace of the Christ Child; in Poland, cks of grain are placed in each corner of the dining m with a prayer for plenty in the year to come; in huanian households, a twelve-course dinner is served Christmas nights. Scattered through the pages are orite Christmas recipes and Christmas folk-songs or ols. The colorful illustrations by Melva Mickelson e these pages warmth and gaiety.

Christmas is memories and a light in the eyes of a ld in Margaret Anderson's short story, "It Really kes Years." Together a family rediscovers treasures y cannot give up that are theirs in their Christmas decorations, accumulated through the years. The ry is illustrated by Stryker Ingerman.

Christmas is poetry, and it is song. Six contemporary nposers give us new songs for Christmas. The scores music are beautifully illustrated and the melodies g themselves into your heart, making the season ghter and richer.

How the John Wanamaker department store in Phila- phia expressed the real meaning of Christmas through iday decorations is told in the story, "In the Heart of Philadelphia." A cathedral there tells the story of Christ's nativity and in a graphic way emphasizes the message of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Christmas is mingled memories of Christmas Past and Christmas Present. It becomes a long, long look back over the shoulder at Christmas in country and city in Lee Mero's delightful picture story, "It Seems Only Yesterday." A chord of early memories is touched as Christmas is celebrated in by-gone days all the way from New York to Jewell Junction.

Christmas means Christmas art—familiar and dearly loved masterpieces. In "From the Ravenna Mosaics," Jean Louise Smith tells of the highly developed art of mosaics by Christians of the fifth and sixth centuries. For Ravenna is Italy's pride in this art. There are illustrations of mosaics from the Church of San Vitale and from the Church of San Apollinare Nuova. There is also a series of photographs showing the artist at work.

Christmas is many things to many people. . . . But undergirding every facet of this joyous season is the Christmas Story. It is the light that has guided Mr. Randolph E. Haugan, the editor, in the publication of every issue of *Christmas*. The Story is taken this year from St. Luke and St. Matthew and is beautifully illustrated by Allan Thomas in rich but somewhat subdued tones.

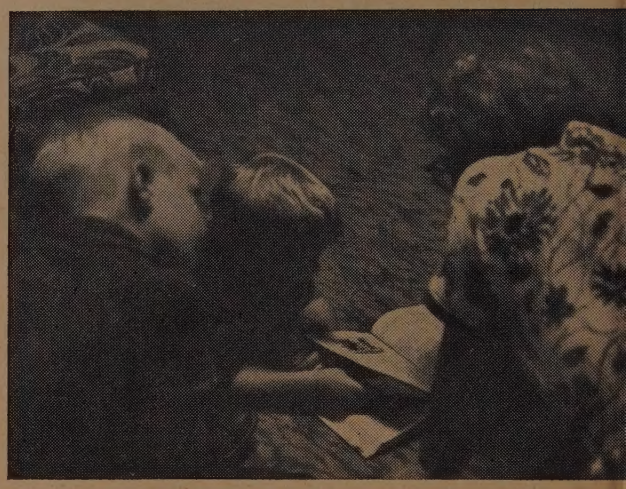
As you close the pages of this year's *Christmas,* too, you hear the echo in your own heart of the theme that has penetrated every page, and that has prompted its publication through twenty-seven years — "They saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped him."

45 miles from Sunday school, but
these boys don't miss out.
They have their classes right at home —

Story and Pho
by Rolf Hofst

On a Montana Ranch

The staff of Sunday School at Home rarely get a chance to meet any of their pupils. But on a visit to the Hansen ranch, Miss Marie Lien and Mrs. Alma Enochson spen day with three of their students—Rick, 7, Brent, 5, a Lee, 4. Above: Miss Lien reads a story to the boys.



This mailbox means Sunday school—Brent and Rick look for their Sunday school lessons in the ranch mailbox.

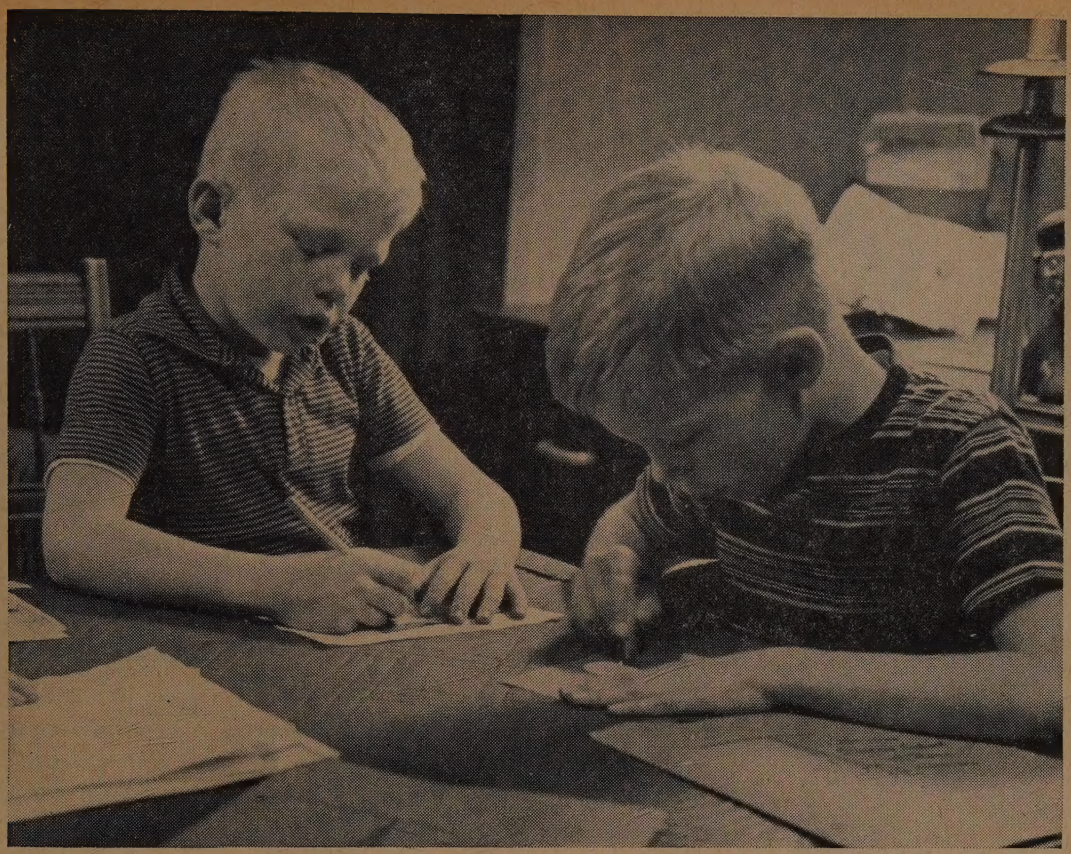
This fall Miss Marie Lien and Mrs. Alma Enochson the Sunday School at Home office in Great Falls, Mo tana, visited three of their students: Rick, Brent and L Hansen of Raynesford, Montana, located some 45 mi southeast of Great Falls.

The boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hans live on an extraordinarily beautiful ranch of 2,400 ac where a Hansen has lived since the turn of the centu

Because they are 45 miles from a Lutheran chu the Hansens enrolled them in Sunday School by M which adds them to the 500 already served by the M tana office. An additional 800 are affiliated with Canada office located in Outlook, Saskatchewan.

Lutheran Sunday school at Home by Mail and Rad a project of the ELC's Department of Christian Edu tion, this year is celebrating its tenth birthday. The ra arm, "Children's Chapel," is broadcast by 52 stati one of which reaches the Hansen boys in Montana.

On these pages is a photographic record of a memo ble day spent on a Montana ranch by Miss Lien Mrs. Enochson. Rarely do they get to meet their stude in person as they did on the Hansen ranch.



Brent and Rick usually study their courses on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hansen says they are faithful students and retain much of what they study. Sunday School by Mail offers 15 courses, suitable for kindergarten through high school.

ause Two Families Were Concerned . . .

wo families in northwest South Dakota were deeply erned because their children were receiving no Chris- education. Too far from a church and Sunday ol to take part in the regular program, the two South ota families started their own Sunday school with iid of Lutheran Sunday School at Home by Mail.

pplied with lessons by mail, the families, in an ted rural area, very soon interested neighbors in project. Within two and a half years the original ber of a half dozen had grown to 40.

ie next step—a preaching place—and finally a con- ation.

l this because two families were concerned—and use Sunday School at Home stood ready to furnish mplete set of courses by mail.

nday School at Home by Mail and Radio is ten s old. Today some 1300 young people—and adults— enrolled in the mail program.

id the radio arm of Sunday School at Home, the n-minute, weekly program known as "Children's Chapel," reaches into hundreds of thousands of homes via 52 stations.

The program is broadcast as far north as Peace River, Alberta, Canada; as far south as Omaha, Nebraska; to California in the west and Massachusetts in the east.

"Children's Chapel" is unique. It is one of the very few religious programs beamed at young people. As such, radio stations welcome it as a worthwhile public service feature. Because the program is well received, there is no reason the 52 stations cannot be increased to 200 or even 500.

If in less than a year 52 stations have been secured, what a magnificent future lies before this program.

Through Snow and Sleet

And Sunday School by Mail has an equally magnificent potential. Millions of young people today receive no Christian instruction. A good many hundred thousand are barred by distance, ill health, or weather from attending a regular Sunday school. These can only be reached by the mail program, which can cross moun-

Five-year-old Brent travels five miles to this rural school. But he is 45 miles from a Lutheran church. Only Sunday School at Home by Mail makes it possible for Brent and his brothers to receive Christian education equal to that enjoyed by young people who live near a church.

tains, link the ill with Sunday school, and ignore snow and mud-blocked roads.

The thousands who have enjoyed the services of Sunday School by Mail express their gratitude. They write regularly to the two offices in Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Great Falls, Montana.

Typical is this letter from a 13-year-old in Saskatchewan: "I have enjoyed my lessons very much. I will find them helpful as I am about to begin Confirmation class."

All this costs a good deal of money. From where does the financial support come?

The 313,000 Sunday school students in ELC churches are the program's main support, although other agencies and individuals contribute.

Sunday School at Home by Mail and Radio has for ten years been a mission project of the students. Although a part of the Department of Christian Education, the mail and radio projects are outside the Budget. The program cannot exist without contributions from the 300,000-plus young people.

It is traditional to receive contributions either on Reformation Day or Christmas. Last year these gifts totaled an impressive $15,000.

This year a sum almost twice as large must be given.

Stations Broadcasting "Children's Chapel"

	California	
KDAN	Eureka	Sun. 10:00 a.m.
	Colorado	
KSLV	Monte Vista	Sat. 10:30 a.m.
	Idaho	
KRPL	Moscow	Sun. 5:15 p.m.
	Illinois	
WCMY	Ottawa	Sun. 5:45 p.m.
	Iowa	
KWLC	Decorah	Sat. 10:00 a.m.
	Massachusetts	
WMNB	North Adams	Sat. 7:30 p.m.
	Minnesota	
KANO	Anoka	Sun. 8:00 a.m.
KAUS	Austin	Sun. 7:45 a.m.
KLIZ	Brainerd	Sat. 9:30 a.m.
WKLK	Cloquet	Sat. 9:15 a.m.
KDLM	Detroit Lakes	Sat. 10:30 a.m.
KGDE	Fergus Falls	Sat. 11:45 a.m.
KTOE	Mankato	Sun. 9:45 a.m.
KDMA	Montevideo	Sat. 11:00 a.m.
KMRS	Morris	Sat. 10:30 a.m.
KNUJ	New Ulm	Sun. 8:45 a.m.
WCAL	Northfield	Sat. 8:45 a.m.
KLOH	Pipestone	Sat. 11:15 a.m.
KFAM	St. Cloud	Sat. 8:45 a.m.
KTRF	Thief River Falls	Sat. 9:30 a.m.
KWAD	Wadena	Sat. 10:05 a.m.
KWLM	Willmar	Sat. 11:05 a.m.
	Montana	
KDBM	Dillon	Sat. 9:15 a.m.
KLTZ	Glasgow	Sat. 5:10 p.m.
KXGN	Glendive	Sat. 8:30 a.m.
KXLK	Great Falls	Sat. 10:30 a.m.
KOJM	Havre	Sat. 9:15 a.m.
KATL	Miles City	Sat. 10:30 a.m.
KIYI	Shelby	Sat. 8:00 a.m.
KGCX	Sidney	Sun. 8:30 p.m.
	Nebraska	
KOOO	Omaha	Sun. 8:45 a.m.
	North Dakota	
KFYR	Bismarck	Sat. 11:15 a.m.
KDLR	Devils Lake	Sun. 3:00 a.m.
KNDC	Hettinger	Sun. 8:15 a.m.
	South Dakota	
KBRK	Brookings	Sun. 1:00 p.m.
KIJV	Huron	Sun. 1:00 p.m.
KOLY	Mobridge	Sat. 10:15 a.m.
KWAT	Watertown	Sun. 8:45 a.m.
	Washington	
KARY	Prosser	Sun. 8:30 a.m.
KTW	Seattle	Sun. 12:10 p.m.
KEY	Vancouver	Sun. 1:00 p.m.
	Wisconsin	
WEAU	Eau Claire	Sun. 1:15 p.m.
WKBH	La Crosse	Sun. 8:30 a.m.
WIGM	Medford	Sat. 10:15 a.m.
WMNE	Menomonie	Sun. 9:30 a.m.
WCCN	Neillsville	Sat. 9:45 a.m.
WPDR	Portage	Sun. 8:30 a.m.
WRDB	Reedsburg	Sat. 9:15 a.m.
WDOR	Sturgeon Bay	Sat. 11:15 a.m.
	Alaska	
KTKN	Ketchikan	Sat. 9:30 a.m.
	Canada	
CFQC	Saskatoon, Sask.	Sat. 10:15 a.m.
CKYL	Peace River, Alberta	Sun. 8:15 a.m.

We Can Do It

By Raymond M. Olson
Director of Stewardship

ve will, we can reach the $6,160,774 which is needed the 1957 Budget of the ELC by the end of January. he end of the third quarter, as this report shows, we needed $2,795,507.

the past, as we moved toward the close of the year, relied on the apportionments to the congregations e a measure of their responsibility for getting the le amount in. To be sure, there were congregations ch did not reach their apportionment, but there e always those whose stewardship was vigorous ugh to provide more than the apportioned amount. his year there are no apportionments. In their place have "objectives" which have been set by the con-gations themselves. The totals in the Stewardship partment tell us that when we add all objectives we an amount about $120,000 less than the total needed! n if all congregations reach their objectives, there-, we will still fall short. These are the facts which y concerned person and congregation will want to w. We are responsible for the Church's work . . . one of us. We cannot shift it to others. It seems is in the Department of Stewardship that we can his if we will. Some of the possibilities are:

1) A great response of prayer that the goal set by the get may be fully reached.

(2) Readiness on the part of those who deal with congregational finances to consider the possibility of providing additional money beyond the objective which has been reported. With the total objective short of actual need, it is obvious that we need a good many responsible church leaders who will take this kind of action. Empty the benevolence treasuries, please! It is needed now, this year.

(3) A decision on the part of auxiliary organizations in the congregations to apply some of the amounts in their treasuries at the end of the year to the regular Budget of the ELC. The women of the Church, by themselves, could more than assure reaching the full amount. Probably the youth of the Church could, too.

(4) A willingness on the part of individual members of our congregations to make special year-end gifts to the regular Budget of the Church. Such special gifts may be sent directly to the Treasurer of the ELC, with a request for credit to the congregation to which the individual belongs, or they may be sent through the congregational treasury. Such gifts should be a "plus" above the normal giving of the congregation.

(5) Action to get all available funds sent in immediately, additional funds to be sent in as soon as they are available in the coming weeks. The status of our income, at the end of October district by district, is shown below.

1957 Budget Ingathering

ict	1957 Objective	Raised	Status	% Raised 1957	% Raised 1956
ern	1,455,698.50	825,770.42	629,928.08	56.7	61.4
thern Minnesota	622,721.00	351,671.03	271,049.97	56.5	58.4
thern Minnesota	1,257,577.50	721,571.82	535,985.68	57.4	59.7
th Central	584,782.00	286,887.17	297,894.83	49.1	57.9
th Dakota	567,649.00	295,076.70	272,572.30	52.0	57.4
th Dakota	665,350.00	345,451.68	319,898.32	51.9	53.9
ky Mountain	256,918.00	145,048.69	111,869.31	56.5	66.1
fic	292,340.00	179,169.35	113,170.65	61.3	74.4
fornia	229,980.00	148,037.22	81,942.78	64.4	97.1
ada	108,211.00	66,073.72	42,117.28	61.1	67.3
District	.....	122.21	122.21 CR.		
eran Students	.....	357.50	357.50 CR.		
	6,041,207.00	3,365,237.51	2,675,969.49	55.7	60.8

l 1957 Budget 6,160,774—% Raised 54.6

Project "Galvania"

By A. Jean Olson

Oberndorf, the name of a little town just outside of Salzburg in Austria, has no special meaning to most people. To some it is known as the place where the great Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was first sung on a cold winter night in December of 1818. However, to the Lutheran World Federation, to the United Nations, and to all the refugees living in and around Salzburg, Oberndorf means "Galvania"—the name of a galvanizing factory sponsored by LWF and dedicated to the betterment of the lives of 30 refugee families in the area who now have concrete grounds for hope in the future for the first time after many years of misery.

Their Future Lay in Austria

The name "Galvania" comes from a new process of galvanizing metals which is the product of the factory. The formula for this new type of "cold" galvanizing, instead of the normal "hot" method, was brought to Austria for the first time in 1945 by a Latvian engineer, Mr. Knusky. Mr. Knusky and his two cousins, charming but delicate ladies of 55 and 61, were refugees, the remaining members of a large family unit which fled from Latvia 12 years ago. They tried for many years to emigrate to a land of more opportunity, but the door was closed—Knusky is nearly 50, he has arrested tuberculosis as well as an artificial limb. People with these problems find it difficult to emigrate to lands of more opportunity, and there are camps full of such people in Austria.

What about the possibility of his galvanizing formula? How could a refugee living on public assistance of $26 a month exploit this formula? Difficult questions in early 1954. Help was needed, and Knusky found it first among his refugee friends, eight of whom were looking for work in Austria. They also could not emigrate—one had a child who was sub-normal; the wife of another was in a mental home; a third had a tubercular mother whom he could not leave behind, etc. For these reasons, the future of the small group lay in Austria, the country which had first given them asylum.

They agreed to work together—Knusky the engineer and technical executive; another Latvian refugee, Mr. Razinsky, the first managing director; and seven others, each capable of being an asset to the proposed Galvania project. The men began to collect equipment and set up a workshop in an unused room at Hellbrunn Camp in Salzburg. There Knusky trained them in his method of galvanizing. The men had the energy, talent, and direction for their project, but they desperately needed capital to provide more equipment and room.

They turned to the Rev. Ahti Auranen, LWF Senior Representative in Austria at that time. LWF could contribute some funds, but not enough. Then followed months of consultations between LWF and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees office, with the United States Escapee Program people, with the Norwegian Europe Aid committee, and with banks and authorities in Geneva and in Austria. A contract was signed between LWF and these other agencies, and the money began to come in. The final total reached nearly $40,000.

Galvania - G.m.b.H.

Land was bought in Oberndorf and a modern factory began to take shape from an old weaving shed. In October of 1956, Galvania formally came into existence as a limited liability company —"Galvania-Elektro-Chem. Metallisierungs und Färbungs-Gesellschaft m. b. H." reads the sign on the door. A

Refugees fill the galvanizing pits

long period was still needed until t factory was ready for commercial p duction, and it was not until May 1957, that the actual dedication to place and they could begin selling th products. Advertisements were sent to firms wanting tin, chrome, copp nickel, and tin plating done with t revolutionary new galvanizing proc which, the ads say, is cheaper, quick and better than the old. The Galva employees are quite ready to prove t . . . they've waited long enough to so.

There Is a Way

Galvania is one of the largest sin projects for the local settlement refugees in Austria . . . it is provid steady work with a future for 30 fa lies and with even a small expansi could provide employment for 30 m They are also planning better hous for the employees, "worthy of hun beings," to take them out of the mor killing existence of camp life.

But Galvania is more than these f to those who have worked with It is also tangible evidence that wh there is a will, there is a way, and those thousands still living betw hope and disillusionment, it provi assurance that all is not lost. Agen working among the refugees in A tria, including the Lutheran W Federation, are trying to provide e more such assurance and evidence.

Correspondence

om a Student

As a college student let me con-tulate you on the "new look" Lu-eran Herald has received during past months. The Holy Spirit is lative, and it seems as if *now* to a ater extent we are letting Him lead. feel the Church should lead the rld in creativeness, and that includes rnalism also.

The table of contents is a good idea. e selections such as "What makes a ssionary," Oct. 8; and "Free In—om—For," Oct. 1, are thought-pro-kers. The symbolism and the theo-ical depth of the Education Issue s uplifting; the Mission Issue, for-rd looking; and the reports on the VF meetings and Oberlin Confer-ce, realistic and hopeful.

To God be the Glory!

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Pullman, Washington

erger—A Means to Survival

The church in the country, which nigh unto a century has been the de and joy of The Evangelical Lu-ran Church, is now facing the prob-n of survival. The remark is often ard in these areas: "We do not know w long we will be able to keep on." We know that this problem has come ut because of changing conditions the American scene. There is no one blame, and we ought therefore to slow to pass judgment upon any ngregation which is faced with the oblem. This letter purports to pre-nt one solution which has worked ccessfully in many instances and nich may well be adopted in many ners: the merger of congregations by e dissolution of two or more adja-nt congregations and the forming of e larger congregation in their stead. As an example of what may happen nen a merger is effected the writer bmits the case of First Lutheran Church, Northwood, Iowa. Ten years ago two congregations, one known as Shell Rock Lutheran Church located four miles from town, and the Northwood Lutheran Church, located in the town of Northwood, decided to merge and form First Lutheran Church.

The new congregation continued to use both churches for worship since neither church was large enough to accommodate the membership. There was, however, only one set of officers, and the entire area served was divided into trustee districts under one head.

The new congregation was then ready to face its future under God. It took faith and courage to accomplish the task, for there were deep sentiments and life-long attachments that could not easily be forgotten. Nor was the future without its anxieties. Would the people be willing to work together? Would not the town population, which was the larger of the two groups, form a faction which might prevent the country people from having a voice in the affairs of the congregation?

The situation after ten years speaks for itself. The congregation entered the merger with a membership of 1,264. The membership ten years later is 1,762. The congregations entered the merger with two frame buildings as their places of worship. Today the congregation has a beautiful church edifice complete with an educational unit valued at $350,000, with the net indebtedness of $54,000. The accomplishments have been far beyond the fondest dreams of ten years ago. There is no longer any question of survival, for the merger of the two has resulted in a far stronger single unit.

We share this information with others, not to boast about accomplishments, but only that others who are in similar situations might be helped to overcome their hesitancies. Merger is a means to survival.

(The Rev.) Oscar Mikkelson
Northwood, Iowa

"The Cross in Minnesota"

►We are considerably perturbed by an editorial which has been called to our attention, titled, "The Cross in Minnesota" which appeared in your publication for November 12, 1957.

We assure you that as far as the Jewish community in Minnesota is concerned, this was not a "tempest in the tea pot" nor was it "needlessly brewed" as you put it.

The Jewish community and other groups in the state of Minnesota honestly and sincerely felt that a sectarian symbol of any kind did not belong on an official state emblem, especially in view of the fact that at no time was this emblem to represent past history in the state of Minnesota. . . .

On the issue of separation of church and state, it seems as though people are only concerned with the minority's rights when they themselves are in the minority or dislike what is going on; i.e., the Protestant, Jewish, and other groups opposing free bus transportation for parochial school students or the allowance of $200 in deductions from state income taxes for sending a child to a private or parochial school.

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In this connection, one, Dr. Basker P. Hivale, founder and president of Ahmednager College in northern India, recently reported the fact that Christians in Raipur, India, protested against the use of a Hindu idol during a meeting held in the American Protestant mission community center. Here again the majority could not understand the reason for such an "unreasonable" and "unjust" objection; and, therefore, proceeded to storm the community center and burn it.

It would be well for the majority group, Christians in this instance, to ask themselves whether the action of the Minnesota Statehood Centennial Commission in deciding to retain the sectarian symbol in the Emblem, will do anything to help enlighten the majorities in countries around the world where Christians are in the minority and where their rights are continually being violated on the basis that the majority can never do wrong.

Samuel L. Scheiner,
Executive Director
Minnesota Jewish Council

For the Family Altar

J. R. Hesten

Toward the Third Sunday in Advent — **John the Baptist — Forerunn**

The Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 • The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Monday, December 9
THE INTRODUCER
Read Malachi 3:1-4

Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

John was not the only one who spoke of the coming of Christ. Many prophets had done that, some of them centuries before John was born. But he had the honor of being the last of the prophets who spoke for Christ before His advent. In addition to that, it was John's honor to be the one who should point to the actual presence of Christ when He appeared on the scene. He made the introduction, so to speak.

To ready the people for Christ, John was severe in his demands. He asked for repentance because the Kingdom of heaven was at hand. In John's day or in ours the requirement is the same. The true introduction to Christ is made only by way of sincere repentance. The Christ we know as Savior is met in no other way. If we see our sins and our need of forgiveness, we are ready to receive Christ.

Show me my need of the saving power of Christ, dear Heavenly Father. Amen.

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Tuesday, December 10
SOMETHING TO SAY
Read Mark 1:5

And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem.

People flocked to hear what John had to say. He was not what today is called a "popular" preacher, in the sense that the people "enjoyed" his messages. The reason they went to hear him is that he knew what he was talking about and he meant business. He touched the hearts of his hearers with the plain truth. He led them to get up and do something about their deepest needs.

John had something to say because he was sent of the Lord to bring the Lord's message. Wherever this is done according to the will of God there will be a response. People can be attracted in great numbers to hear popular ideas and sensational speeches that please their vanity and keep them asleep. But what people really want is the truth that will save them.

We pray that your voice will ring clear and true with the message of Thy love and grace, O Lord. Amen.

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Wednesday, December 11
BRIGHT FAITH
Read John 5:35

"He was a burning and shining lan and you were willing to rejoice for while in his light."

Jesus paid a high compliment to Jo with these words. He spoke of the z the prophet had. John was so taken with his message and his mission that was as a "burning and shining lamp There was no shadow in what he said did. But Jesus said that bright as Jo was in his conduct of the mission, only pointed to the Light of the wor which brightness no one can match.

Bright faith is important, and son thing that more Christians should ha Saving faith is most necessary, of cou that each of us shall be certain of o eternal welfare. But bright faith, the s that makes our whole life bright wi a special power to meet all things stead and with courage is good witness to power of God in our lives.

You have asked us to let our li shine, dear Jesus, that others may kn that we live by a power from above.

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Thursday, December 12
CLASSIC STATEMENT
Read John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

If you had been in John's place what would you have said at this point? As spokesman for the ages, to put in one short sentence the whole message of the prophets, what better words could you find than the words John used?

"Behold," he said. This was not something that happened every day! "The Lamb of God." Yes, Jesus was come not to take things over by storm, but to let Himself be taken that sinners might have salvation. "Who takes away the sins of the world." This is an event! Here lies the answer to the crying needs of the world.

There is no improvement to be made on the statement of John. It is only to let that same statement be made time and again that all people shall hear, and look up to see the Lamb of God.

Keep alive in a dying world the living truth of Thy Word, O God, that men everywhere may hear and live. Amen.

Friday, December 13
A DAY OF DOUBT
Read Luke 7:19

"Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

Perhaps it is hard to understand that a man like John should doubt that Jesus was the Messiah, especially since he himself had announced Him. But the Bible does not hide the failings of any of its people. It tells of Abraham's sin, of Moses' temper, of David's adultery. And here, of the doubt that John was entertaining.

John was in prison. He had displeased Herodias because he had spoken the truth. Now John was silenced and forgotten. If Jesus knew about it, why didn't He do something, John wondered.

Even the most stable Christians entertain doubts from time to time. Sometimes the spell lasts for a period of time. Many of the little pestering questions come and go and we keep our faith. But when doubts plague us, let us pray God to help us and give us an extra measure of faith so that when we think God is "hiding" we may know He is still there.

Strengthen us in the faith. Amen.

Saturday, December 14
THEY TOLD JESUS
Read Matthew 14:12

And his disciples came and took body and buried it; and they went told Jesus.

John was bound to get into trou because he told the truth. He refused tone things down so no one's feeli would be hurt. And one day it happen he said "too much" and he was thro into prison, and finally beheaded. He came a martyr to the cause of Christ.

And Jesus knew. John's disciples ca to Him and told Him. Jesus made no ply that is recorded in Scripture, but is stated that "he withdrew from there a boat to a lonely place apart." Perh Jesus went off to think about John the high devotion he had shown, and price that is demanded by the Kingdo

Jesus said that all who follow H must deny themselves and take up cross and come after Him. Sure, it's manding; no half-heartedness will God does not want part of me; He wa all of me.

Take my life, O God, and let it consecrated to Thee. Amen.

Will Churches Help Kill Public Schools?

Churches in Prince Edward County, irginia, may soon face the test of nether they are willing to cooperate ith proposals to close the public hools in favor of a private system at would continue segregation.

Pro-segregation leaders said they ould seek the closing of public schools soon as Federal Judge Sterling Hut-eson of Richmond sets a firm date r the admission of Negro children to hite schools. The judge was ordered do so by the Fourth U.S. Circuit ourt of Appeals in Baltimore, Md., hich said an early date must be set r the start of integration.

This is expected to be the first test the "massive resistance" doctrine vored by Gov. Thomas B. Stanley Virginia and other Southern leaders a means of evading the Supreme urt decision outlawing segregation public schools.

Under this plan public schools would converted to private schools with the te giving parents a tuition allowance. It also will be the first test of the tent to which Southern churches ould cooperate in such a plan. County ders have called upon the churches make facilities available for the pro-sed new private school system. Some ve envisioned a system of church-erated private schools as the ultimate swer to the Supreme Court ruling. ost county churches have not yet mmitted themselves on the question.

ew Day for Little Rock?

A City Manager-Board of Directors m of government was inaugurated Little Rock, Ark., after clergymen various denominations led their con-gations in prayers for its success. replaces the Mayor-City Council tem.

All seven directors elected to the city rd are active church members. Six re candidates of the Good Govern-ment Committee and the seventh was an independent.

The request for prayers was made by Letcher L. Langford, the independent candidate, who is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

"I hope all ministers of Little Rock churches will offer special prayers," he said, "that the new board will be guided by God in its selection of a city manager and in its administration of city affairs."

Swedes Visit Greece

A three-man delegation from the State Lutheran Church of Sweden, headed by Bishop John Cullberg of Vasteras, visited Athens, Greece as guests of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The other members were Dean Olle Nystedt of Stockholm and Dr. Harry Johanssen.

Main purpose of their trip was to participate in ceremonies opening the Mandjavinateion Hospital in Lixuri, Cephalonia. The hospital, damaged during earthquakes in 1953, was reconstructed with the help of funds provided by the Swedish Church.

Lund-Quist Honored

Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, and Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, were decorated with the West German Order of Merit at a ceremony here.

The awards were conferred by Dr. Friedrich Holzapfel, German Ambassador to Switzerland, "as a token of our gratitude for all that you and your organizations and all your colleagues have done for us in Germany during our most difficult trials and in our greatest distress."

Addressing the assemblage, Ambassador Holzapfel expressed gratitude to the churches who after the war "opened the door again for the German people and showed them the way back to the community of nations."

"The churches of the world have relieved the tremendous distress of the German people," he said. "The churches helped them build up the inward peace and security that springs from faith. But their help was not merely spiritual but also material."

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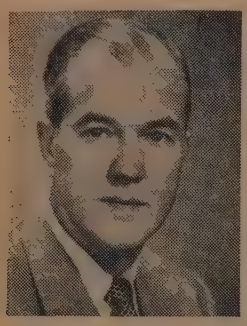
FOXES BEWARE!—Hunting dogs got a blessing from an Episcopal bishop in Lexington, Ky., on the opening day of the season this year. This picture shows the hounds as quite an orderly group during the ceremony. There was no report on the success of the hunt.

Education Director Named

Dr. Robert Mortvedt, president of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., has accepted a call to become the Christian



Higher Education director of the Augustana Lutheran synod. The post, created at last summer's Omaha convention, includes supervision of the synod's five senior colleges and Augustana Seminary in Rock Island Ill. A graduate of St. Olaf College, Dr. Mortvedt received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Charges Faith Healing Neglected

A Lutheran clergyman said here that every Protestant pastor "faces the challenge of a greater spiritual ministry of healing."

Dr. C. G. Wolf of Miami told the Florida Conference of the American Lutheran Church that the practice of faith healing is growing among Protestant churches and ministers. However, he warned against the "emotionalism, near-frenzy and bombastic attitudes" of some self-styled healers. And he criticized the tendency of some healers to blame the patient's lack of faith when a cure is not effected.

"Jesus often required faith but he did not always demand it," Dr. Wolf said. "In some cases the patient healed could not have had faith because of his condition or his ignorance of Christ and His divine person and power."

The pastor said the Lutheran Church is standing at an important crossroad as regards faith healing. "Our Lutheran Churches and synods have not taken an official stand on the question of faith healing and healing services," he said. "But they have not censured pastors who attempt the practice."

Washington Comments by Gerhard Lenski

Dr. Nolde's Report

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, speaking recently in Washington, D.C., at the third seminar conducted by the National Lutheran Council for pastors, church leaders, and laymen serving in government, gave a stimulating report on "The Work of the Churches in International Affairs."

Dr. Nolde finds many difficulties calculated to keep church influence from being effective. The churches have their problems which often keep them from knowing about and serving world problems. When they are interested, they have trouble in speaking unitedly. On the other hand, the churches are becoming better organized and more vocal, and more lines of communication are being opened. More than all this, there is a growing awareness in international circles of a need for that emphasis which the Christian Church alone can give.

Shall Russia be expelled from the United Nations? No, says Dr. Nolde, because even the most powerful nation in the world is likely to mend her ways if exposed to world opinion.

Helps for Worthy Students

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Valuable information regarding st dent help can be had from two pa phlets published by the U.S. Office Education, one covering the colleg of our land, costing $1.50; the oth dealing with graduate studies, costi 50 cents. Write the Government Pri ing Office in Washington, D. C., sen ing your check.

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JEWS HONOR CHRISTIANS—A commemorative plaque honoring heroic Christians risked their lives to save Jews from the Nazi terror in Europe was unveiled in New City. Shown are Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith; Dr. Samuel McCrea Ca American Secretary for the World Council of Churches; and the Rev. Joseph Dunne, represented Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

—Within the ELC—

amp Leaders Workshop

The newly organized Bible Camp ssociation of the ELC will sponsor Bible Camp Workshop on January at Luther Seminary, St. Paul. The orkshop's theme will be, "Reaching e Older Youth at Camp." Three nases of this topic will be emphasized "A Progressive Curriculum for amp," "Relationships of Counselors Campers and Staff," and "Proper se of the Camp Setting." All dis-ssions will center on serving the nior high campers.

The following schedule has been awn up by the Executive Committee the Bible Camp Association:

:15 "Understanding the Older Teenager," Dr. Albert Lippmann, nationally-known psychiatrist in the area of adolescent development.
:15 Workshop presentations:
Mr. Gerald Manlove (Progressive Curriculum) YMCA Camp Director, Detroit, Michigan
Mr. Reuben Jessup (Counselor Relationships) Group Social Worker, University Lutheran Church of Hope, former camp director, Camp Knutson
Mr. Lyndon Cedarblade (Camp Setting) Minneapolis YMCA program director.
:45 Workshop discussion
:30 Workshop discussion
:30 Summary reports of workshops
:00 Business meeting of Bible Camp Association.

At the evening session, the reports the workshops will be studied.

Church Dies

In a rather unusual service Novem-r 3, the 143 members of Peace hurch (ALC) in Longmont, Colo. ansferred their membership to Bethle-m Church (ELC) in the same city. Thus Peace congregation was for-ally disbanded. Their property will sold and the proceeds set aside for uilding an education unit in the pro-cted building program of Bethlehem. The Rev. Paul D. Sather is the new astor of Bethlehem Church in Long-ont.

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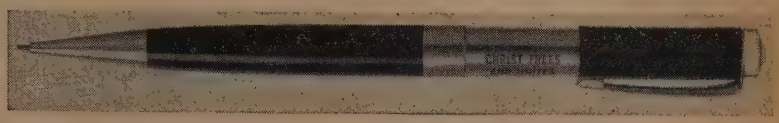

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Our Savior's, Bonner, Mont.—The Rev. C. O. Anderson
Springdale, Harrisburg, S. Dak.—The Rev. Harold O. Bailey
Grace, Dorset, Minn.—The Rev. M. G. Berg
Our Savior's, Calamus, Iowa—The Rev. C. L. Bruland
First, Stone Lake, Wis.—The Rev. Richard A. Dahlin
Our Savior's, Henry, S. Dak.—Mr. Arthur Dryver
Ellington Prairie, Miller, Iowa—The Rev. Arnold Edwards
Vang, Fairdale, N. Dak.—The Rev. Stephen Engelstad
Opdahl, Alamo, N. Dak.—The Rev. Percy L. Ensrude
Grace, Glendora, Calif.—The Rev. Leif E. Evans
Little Forks, Hatton, N. Dak.—The Rev. Carl J. Field
Trinity, Philip, S. Dak. and Hilland, Hilland, S. Dak.—The Rev. Curtis A. Fox
Goldstone, Rudyard, Mont.—The Rev. Melvin K. Frantsen
Lake Grove and Trinity, Waubun, Minn.—The Rev. C. A. Fritz
Lesje, Roth, N. Dak.—The Rev. Anton Gerlach
Bethel, Scarville, Iowa—The Rev. Merrill Gilbertson
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Zion, Chicago, Ill.—The Rev. Orlando Ingvolstad
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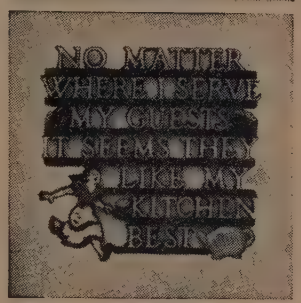

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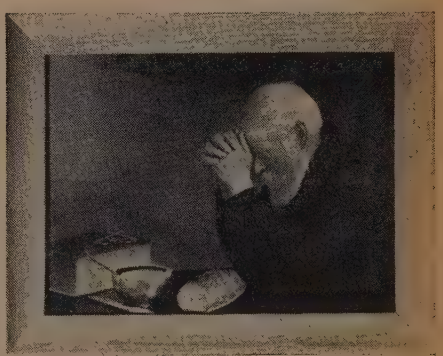

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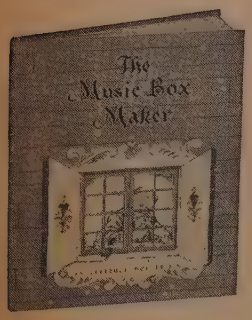

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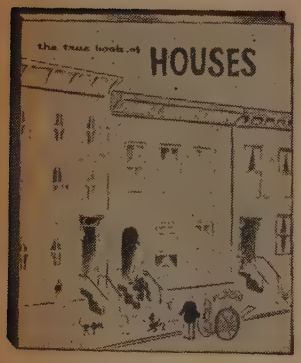

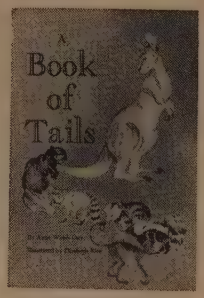

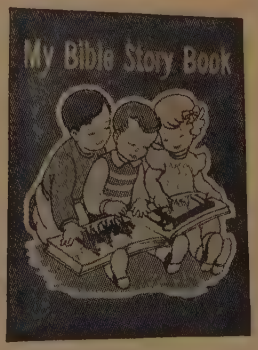

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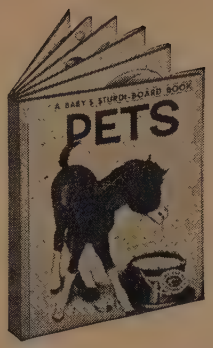

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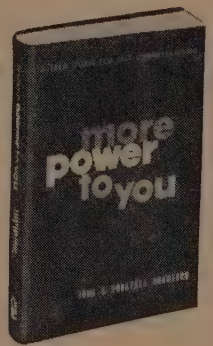

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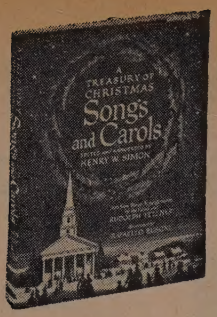

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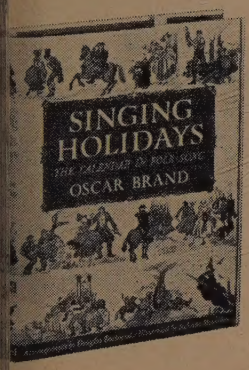

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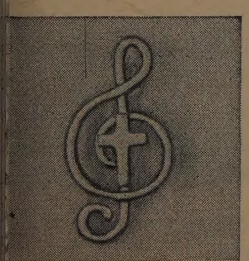

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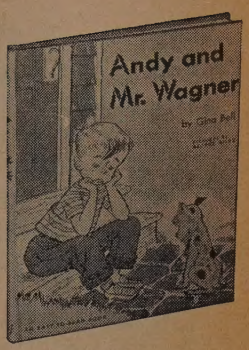

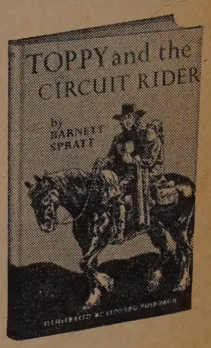

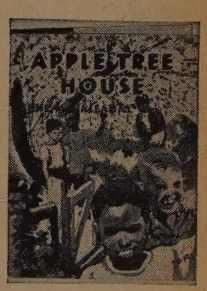

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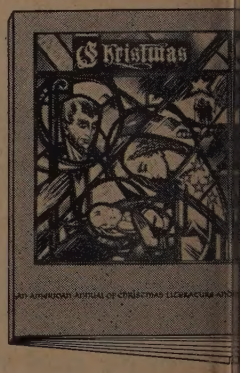

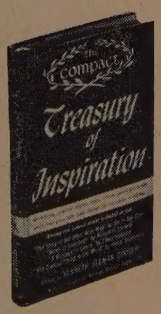

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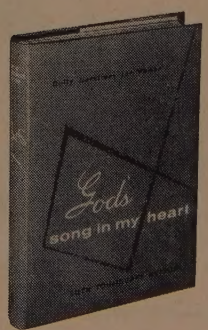

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